

FINAL MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY
COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Kimbley Craig (Chair),
Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair),
Jane Parker (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Huitt, Parker and Potter. Staff present: Delfino, Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee Member Chavez and seconded by Committee Member Parker the committee voted 6– 0 to approve the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of October 7, 2015.
 - 3.2 Recommended that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approve calendar year 2016 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

END OF CONSENT

4. The Committee reviewed and discussed draft 2016 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, highlighted the draft 2016 legislative program state issues and federal issues.

Committee member Potter asked about the legislative position to pursue an amendment to the State Fish and Game Code to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project. He asked that staff meet with the Coastal Commission to see if they have a non-legislative strategy. Mr. Muck commented that the project team is preparing to meet with Coastal Commission and the salamander issue will be part of the discussion. Board member Potter asked that an item be added to “Support efforts to develop alternative funding sources to offset the reduction in gas tax revenues.” Committee member Parker recommended staff change the order of the list, starting with more general issues and followed by the more specific issues. Vice Chair Armenta asked that the TAMC legislative representative be present when the legislative program is presented to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (in the future).

5. The Committee provided direction and guidance to staff on the assumptions for the three-year operating budget for fiscal years 16/17, 17/18, and 18/19.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance and Administration, highlighted the proposed three-year budget assumptions for fiscal years 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19. She reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific work program tasks. She also sought direction from the committee on GASB 45 and 68. They can continue to be paid on pay-as-you-go basis as currently done, prefunded via a trust fund or paid out in lump sum or paid off over a shorter period of time. Committee member Parker requested staff to do an analysis on the pros and cons, including the risks and benefits to the Agency, and also find out what other agencies are doing.

6. The Committee recommended the Board appoint a nominating committee.

The Committee recommended that the Board appoint Board member Edelen and Board member Parker to serve as the Nominating Committee, to return to the Board of Directors on January 27, 2016, with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee Members, to serve a one-year term, beginning upon their election, through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 25, 2017, Board meeting. Chair Craig agreed to reach out to Past Chair Edelen to find out if he was willing to serve.

7. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of December 2, 2015:

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda, she reported the Board will review and discuss draft 2016 Legislative Program and be asked to approve releasing the program to committees for comment. The Board will receive a presentation from Michael LaPier on Monterey Regional Airport's Master Plan Update. On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to approve the Overall Work Program Amendment No. 1, to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for a Project Report for improvements to Highway 183 near the Salinas train station.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.



Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant